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Letter of opposition to Proposal 5 - "Close a portion of Main Bay to sport fishing."

My family and I sport fished the head of Main Bay for nearly 27 years. During this time we have spent many of those years celebrating the 4Th of July with the hopes of catching our limit of sockeye salmon from this area. The proposal that you are suggesting would end the sport fishing especially within 100 feet of the barrier net and would almost eliminate the possibilities of snagging any fish, as commercial boats have their nets so thick, it's almost impossible not to interfere with their livelihood, which we do not want to do.

This last season we have seen where the commercial boats were setting their nets right up to the barrier net you have installed at the fishery which made it difficult for sports fisherman to even throw a anchor. In the past they did not come so close, possibly 400 yards from barrier net.

I cannot believe that the amount of fish sport fisherman may be taking for their own consumption can be hurting the commercial fisherman's quotas as it is apparent the amount of fish that are wasted being caught in the barrier nets which are always choked with dead and dying fish.

It is apparent this proposal is being introduced simply to put a stop to sport fisherman nuisance in MBH, while providing zero enhancement of the fishery itself. It seems it might be a better proposal to instead remove the net, an let more fish become available for public consumption, vs. dying in and behind the barrier net.

Thank you for consideration of this point of view.

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